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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT TWO U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MOUS ON COOPERATION IN THE EARTH SCIENCES TO BRAZIL FOR SIGNATURE

1. In September 2004, Circular 175 Authority was granted to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to negotiate and conclude two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the USGS of the Department of Interior of the United States and two Brazilian institutions. The first Brazilian entity is the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (in Natal). The second is the Institute of Geosciences of the University of Brasilia. The MOUs were negotiated but not signed.

2. Both MOUs provide a framework for the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and the augmentation of scientific and technical capabilities between the USGS and the two Brazilian institutions with respect to the earth sciences. PDF copies of these MOUs are available by email. Contact Daisy da Costa at costadb@state.gov.

3. Post requires confirmation by cable from L/OES and USGS to send the two documents to the Brazilian Foreign Ministry via diplomatic note to begin the process for signature.

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